

TITLE 16. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS DIVISION 14. BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registered Nursing is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at 400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, California, at 10:00 a.m., on April 5, 2004. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board of Registered Nursing at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2004 or must be received by the Board of Registered Nursing at the hearing. The Board of Registered Nursing, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 2715 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 2817 and 2818 of said Code, the Board of Registered Nursing is considering changes to Division 14 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Amend subsections 1491(1), 1491(2), 1491(3), and 1491(4) and renumber 1491(4) as 1491(7); add new subsection 1491(4) and subsections 1491(5) and 1491(6).

The regulatory proposal delineates the minimum educational standards for public health nurses. These standards are necessary to ensure that registered nurse applicants for Board of Registered Nursing issued public health nurse certificates receive sufficient theoretical content and supervised clinical experience to safely and competently provide public health nursing services. In addition to the theoretical content, the standards require a minimum of 90 hours of supervised clinical experience in a public health setting. The clinical experience must be concurrent with or following acquisition of the theoretical knowledge and must be coordinated by a faculty member in the nursing program.

Existing law (B&P Code Section 2818) authorizes the BRN to issue public health nurse certificates to registered nurses who meet conditions and qualifications established by the Board. The education and training requirements for the public health nurse certificate are specified in CCR Section 1491 and include three methods of certification.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The regulatory proposal affects registered nurses and nursing programs and not businesses.

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses: The Board of Registered Nursing has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business: The Board of Registered Nursing is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. Nursing programs, in general, already include the theoretical content in their curricula, and based on responses to a Board survey, nursing program already require 90 or more hours of supervised clinical experience.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The proposed regulations affect registered nurses and nursing programs and would not affect small businesses.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board of Registered Nursing must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board of Registered Nursing has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the Alcidia Valim at 916-323-8419, 400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, California 95814.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public inspection, by contacting the person named below.

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You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at www.rn.ca.gov.